

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend?

Plainview 6-16-09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety

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☒ Other: undetermined long-term health problems for the young and infirm.

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Need
Need not "nice to have" "will want in future"
Need "want a "back-up" line"

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Our property is one of the few voluntary wildlife refuges in Farmington Township. We even have the "Short-Tailed Weasel" and they are rare. We also have no hunting or trapping. Long-term ill effects on the wildlife may be detrimental to some of these species.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

biological
esthetical
Safety
getting screwed out of my land. When you decide I have no say over my own land. God Bless America as the government sees fit to change it. "Condemned for the public good" - we hear it from developers all the time. So they can line their pockets. Now you want to kill my wildlife - rare and common - possibly cause birth defects or various health issues in my family.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Why is it needed? Layman's language.

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For studies are paid for by you and where for project what you want collected.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

L-001-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

L-001-004

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

L-001-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife as well as human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.